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- Captain Jose Yaria Gimenez, Chief of the Venezuelan National Security Police during the Accion De ocr tica administration, has reportedly been taken into custody by the police on grounds of planning the overthrow of the government. It was stated that he had been connected with a revolutionary group of Army sergeants, 18 of whom were arrested in early farch 1949.
- 2. Gimenez is a very close friend of former limister of Interior Lt. Col. Hario Vargas. He twice accompanied Vargas to the United States as his aide, one time going with him to Saranac Lake, New York, where Jargas underwent treatment in a hospital. When Targas was Minister of Interior and Cimenez Chief of National Security, Vargus placed large funds at the disposal of Cimenez which were to be used to purchase confidential information. The investigators employed by the Cational Security Police openly joke about the way Gimenez squandered this money. During his tenure of office as Chief of Mational Security, he was seldom at his office and was considered completely incompetent. Gimenez is reported to be a very irresponsible person who 'rinks excessively and gambles heavily.
- 3. Vargas is suspected by the authorities of supporting a movement against the government, and source expressed the opinion that Vargas is connected with the above-mentioned grown of Army sergeants.

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